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NEW DELHI FOR VITTORIO BROD (NEA LABOR CONFERENCE)

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PORPOSED VISIT OF DANIEL L. HORROWITZ, USG REP TO ILO

REF: (A) CAIRO 2431 (B) CAIRO 4500 (C) STATE 064566

1. EMBASSY RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDES THAT PROPOSED HORIWITZ VISIT
TO EGYPT (REF C) WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND COULD HAVE
EFFECT OF ADDING IRRITANT TO GOE-US RELATIONS AT THIS DELICATE STAGE
OF PEACE PROCESS.

2. GOE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ILO AFFAIRS (AND WE ASSUME MANY
OTHER ARABS) VIEW US DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO ALMOST
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EXCLUSIVELY IN CONTEXT OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT AND AS RESULT
OF WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS ONE-SIDED PRO-ISRAELI POSITION OF
AFL-CIO LEADERSHIP. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING THAT WE CAN SAY
THAT WILL PERSUADE THEM OTHERWISE AS THOSE OF US WHO HAVE TRIED CAN
ATTEST. IT IS DIFFICULT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR GOE POLITICAL
LEASERS TO TAKE POSITION IN ILO WHICH OTHER ARABS LIKELY TO VIEW
AS BEING RESPONSIVE TO AMERICAN PRESSURE. AS MARCH 1977 ALO

CONFERENCE IN ALEXANDRIA DEMONSTRATED, RADICAL ARABS SUCCESSFULLY
EXPLOITED ILO GOVERNING BODY DECISION TO ACCEPT DIRGEN
RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE BOOK ON 1974 RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL
(STATE 53086) TO SEIZE INITIATIVE WITHIN
ALO FROM MODERATES. PROSPECT FOR CONCERTED ARAB CAMPAIGN AT JUNE
ILO MEETING TO REVIVE ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION IS NOW DISTINCT
POSSIBILITY (CAIRO 4500).

3. AS DEPT AWARE FROM OUR REPORTING ON CURRENT UNSC ME DEBATE,
GOE VIEWS ITS ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AS ONE OF FEW
WAYS IN WHICH IT CAN COMBAT WHAT IT VIEWS AS
ISRAELI ABDURACY ON GENEVA MEPC AND EXPANSIONIST ISRAELI
POLICY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES PARTICULARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF
NEW SETTLEMENTS. IN PURSUING THIS DIPLOMATIC OBJECTIVE, GOE
COUNTS HEAVILY ON ARAB SOLIDARITY. IT WOULD THEREFORE VIEW ANY
SUGGESTION THAT IT REVERSE ITS POSITION IN ILO AS CONTRARY TO ITS
BROADER INTERESTS. FOR GOE, FATE OF ILO IF U.S.
WERE TO WITHDRAW, IS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE TO THE PURSUIT OF
OVERRIDING FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

4. FURTHER COMPLICATING FACTOR IS RECENT LAST MINUTE POST-
PONEMENT OF FIRST VISIT BY AFL-CIO REPS TO EGYPT IN 25 YEARS
(CAIRO 5187). PRO-WESTERN LABOR LEADERS HAD --
WITH APPROVAL GOE -- TAKEN CONSIDERABLE
RISK IN PROMOTING THIS VISIT IN FACE OF OPPOSITION OF SEVERAL
POWERFUL LEADERS INCLUDING EFL SEC GEN. THEY HAVE BEEN
UNDERMINED BY POSTPONEMENT AND ARE UNLIKELY TO BE IN MOOD FOR
TALK ABOUT MORE MODERATE APPROACH AT ILO.
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